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To: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service

Director, National Park Service Director, Geological Survey

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management

Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application

Document (PAD), and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process,

Meldahl Hydroelectric Project, (competing applications) FERC Nos. 12667-001

and 12658-000, Bracken County, KY

(ER 06/800)(Agency due date: September 25, 2006)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has noticed the application for the subject project. **This project has been approved to use the Traditional Licensing Process**. The notice was issued on August 10, 2006, and copies of the PAD can be viewed on the Commission's website at: http://www.ferc.gov using the "**eLibrary**" link.

Comments on the PAD or FERC's approval for use of the Traditional Licensing Process should be forwarded to FERC by **September 25, 2006**. Please provide a copy of any comments to this Office.

A related review is under ER06-371.

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